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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL



Barbara Leidigh Staff Attorney State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 14th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Re:

Support for Request for Continuance of Hearing by Mojave Water Agency Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Enforcement Hearing Cease and Desist Order No. 262.31-18

Administrative Civil Liability Complainant No. 262.5-40

Dear Ms. Leidigh:

Yesterday, Monday October 10, 2005, Arrowhead Lake Association ("ALA") learned of a request by the Mojave Water Agency for a 60-day extension on the November 8, 2005 hearing date in the Lake Arrowhead matter. For the reasons described below, ALA supports the request for a continuance of the hearing date.

ALA was not provided with a copy of Lake Arrowhead Community Services District's ("LACSD") Amended Notice of Intent to Appear in the hearing on this matter until yesterday afternoon.\(^1\) ALA has significant concerns about this Notice and immediately contacted LACSD's representatives to make them aware of these concerns. We hope to resolve these concerns as soon as possible, but it is unacceptable for LACSD to file its exhibits prior to resolution of these concerns. If we continue on the current schedule, then it will be necessary for these concerns to be resolved in the next few days. If we are not able to find a resolution by the end of this week, then ALA may find it necessary to seek a Superior Court injunction restraining LACSD from submitting its exhibits. This fact alone suggests that it is important to continue the hearing on this matter for the modest amount of time requested by Mojave.

LACSD is not currently under any order to alter its activities in any way. In fact, at a recent LACSD Board meeting, LACSD's general counsel stated that at the present time, LACSD's approach is "business as usual."

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¹ ALA has not yet received a copy of the original Notice of Intent to Appear.

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In light of all of the above, and given that Mojave has requested a relatively short continuance, it is unclear to ALA why it is necessary to rush forward with the hearing in a manner that may have a substantive impact on the rights of the parties. For this reason, ALA supports Mojave Water Agency's request for a 60-day extension.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Fife

For HATCH & PARENT

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